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Communication Gap

The Central Intelligence Agency is such a popular whipping boy these days that it probably gets blamed for happenings that it never even heard of.

One such occurred recently in Japan when the American folk singer Joan Baez made an appearance.

Her music spoke for itself, of course, but an interpreter was on hand to convey her weighty messages.

As it turned out, those present who understood both languages reported later that the interpreter didn't go much beyond the Japanese equivalent of "Thank you, very, very much."

Miss Baez hinted that the man was in the pay of CIA and was purposely censoring her "message."

But since this hardly seemed worth suppressing, it seems more likely that the little man was simply at a loss for words.